Goals of Allen Park High School Dress Code:

- Maintain a safe learning environment in classes where protective or supportive clothing is needed, such as science/CTE courses (eye or body protection), or PE (athletic attire/shoes).
- Allow students to wear clothing of their choice that is comfortable.
- Allow students to wear clothing that expresses their self-identified gender.
- Allow students to wear religious attire without fear of discipline or discrimination.
- Prevent students from wearing clothing with offensive images or language, including profanity, hate speech, and pornography.
- Prevent students from wearing clothing with images or language depicting or advocating violence or the use of alcohol or drugs.
- Ensure that all students are treated equitably regardless of gender/gender identification, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, body type/size, religion, and personal style.

Basic Principle:

A student's decision regarding their appearance will not be interfered with, unless the choice impedes the learning environment or school safety. While fashions change, the reasons for being in school do not. Students are in school to learn. Guidelines that may be used to determine whether dress is appropriate for the safe learning environment in our schools include, but may not be limited to the following:

Students Must Wear:*

- Shirt: Sleeves or straps and fabric on front, sides, and back are necessary
- Bottom: pants/sweatpants/shorts/skirt/dress/leggings
- Shoes; activity-specific shoes requirements are permitted (for example for sports)
- Clothes that are worn in such a way that private body parts are covered with opaque material and undergarments are not visible.

Students Cannot Wear:

- Violent language or images
- Images or language depicting drugs or alcohol (or any illegal item or activity)
- Hate speech, profanity, pornography/sexually explicit
- Images or language that creates a hostile or intimidating environment
- Students may not wear headwear under the following circumstances:
  - Headwear that obscures the face and/or ears (except for religious/cultural/health reasons).
  - Forward baseball hats and hoods.
  - Circumstances as determined by the classroom teacher (Ex: Headwear may not be appropriate during lab activities).
- Bathing suits
- Potentially dangerous items/accessories
- Any items that would qualify as gang symbols

If there is a question as to whether or not any student's apparel or appearance is appropriate for school, building administrators will decide.

Procedures for Improper Dress

1. The student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem.
2. The student may call an adult to obtain proper attire.
3. Refusal to cooperate may result in discipline.